

The grass is greener at CERES



CERES Organic Market



Return of the Sacred Kingfisher Festival, celebrated each year in Spring at CERES. Photo: Briony Tronson

CERES DHS Program

CERES Community Environment Park is a 10 acre award winning not for profit organisation located by the Merri Creek in East Brunswick, Melbourne. With a commitment to sustainability, education and community, CERES attracts over 400,000 visitors through its education and training, an organic farm and market, a bushfoods & permaculture nursery, an organic café, community festivals, events, music, arts, and a range of other onsite projects and groups.

The CERES DHS Program works with young adults with a disability and is set in the CERES organic farm. The program employs a hands-on approach and provides a unique learning environment in which participants can meaningfully engage in sustainable food production, whilst developing strong interpersonal relationships with CERES trainers, other CERES staff and participants on the program.

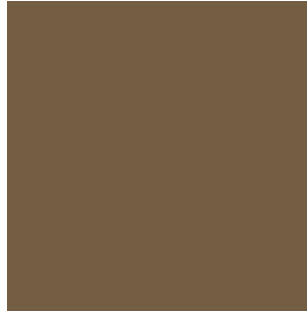
Typically participants are engaged in practical activities such as animal care, planting, harvesting, market day set-up, garden maintenance, basic building and construction, as well as ongoing opportunities to work with other CERES teams. This program provides an opportunity for those individuals who enjoy working independently.

The CERES program runs Monday - Thursday from 9.30am - 3pm

Program breaks - Five weeks from Dec-Jan and for the first week of the Victorian school holidays

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CERES DHS Program

A day program for young adults with a disability.

Thank you for your enquiry about joining our DHS program

If you are interested in joining the CERES DHS program or are enquiring on behalf of someone, please contact the CERES Training Coordinator to discuss the program and its activities and your needs. CERES requires a one month trial period before acceptance into the program

How to join the CERES Program

1. An initial visit to the CERES site to meet with the Training Coordinator and see the DHS program in operation is required. Based on the outcome of this initial visit, a discussion is held by CERES and the interested person whether a one month trial should commence.
2. If a one month trial is to commence, a start date and preferred days will be booked and confirmed with the CERES Training Coordinator.
3. The CERES Training Coordinator and the CERES Disability Trainers will discuss the suitability of the participant to the CERES program and relationship to existing participants, during and at the end of a 30 day trial period.
4. Based on the outcome of this discussion, the CERES Training Coordinator will advise as to whether or not the program is suitable for the individual and whether the program is able to meet the individual's needs; this is usually conducted via a face to face meeting or phone conversation.

CERES is required to contact the Department of Human Services to determine whether the interested individual is eligible for disability services and able to access the CERES DHS program and trial period. At least one month prior to commencement of the trial, CERES requests documentation pertaining to the individual eg. a Behaviour Support Plan or a Person Centered Plan.

CERES reserves the right to decide at any point during the trial as to the suitability of the individual for the program and the program for the individual.

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